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Patent Application of

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MOVABLE LOADING BRIDGE HAVING  
AN INFLATABLE FLEXIBLE BODY

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Patent Office action mailed April 28, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) Loading bridge for making a connection between a loading platform and vehicle, comprising:  
a substantially planar member pivotally connected to the loading platform and capable of bearing a load, wherein a rear edge portion of said substantially planar member is hinged along a surface of the loading platform, and wherein a front edge is movable in a direction substantially perpendicular to said surface of the loading platform; [and]  
an inclined base positioned under the substantially planar member, and  
pivot means for pivoting said substantially planar member, said pivot means comprising an inflatable flexible body positioned on the inclined base.

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D<sup>2</sup> 2. (Twice Amended) A loading bridge as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pivot means further comprises means for filling said inflatable flexible body with air, said means for filling comprising a ventilator positioned under said inclined base.

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D<sup>3</sup> 13. (Twice Amended) Loading bridge for making a connection between a loading platform and vehicle, comprising:

a substantially planar member pivotally connected to the loading platform and capable of bearing a load, wherein a rear edge portion of said substantially planar member is hinged along a surface of the loading platform, and wherein a front edge is movable in a direction substantially perpendicular to said surface of the loading platform;

a base positioned under said planar member;

pivot means for pivoting said substantially planar member, said pivot means comprising an inflatable flexible body; and

means for inflating said inflatable flexible body, said means for inflating including a ventilator positioned under said base.

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Please cancel claims 17-21.

### REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the above-noted Office action. In response, Applicant has amended the claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the present application.

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 17-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, and 13 have been amended to correct the informalities noted in Footnote Number 2 of the Board of Appeals Decision.

An amended drawing figure is enclosed. The amended drawing figure has been amended to include identification as "amended."

A supplemental declaration is enclosed stating that all errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of the declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Claims 1-16 are allowable, and entrance of the amendments and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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